

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROJECTS FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether procedural and administrative formalities and untimely clearance and non approval of the projects have affected agricultural research and development in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of projects awaiting clearance and the time since when those are pending;
- (c) the measures taken to expedite the clearance of these projects; and
- (d) the total money involved in those projects and the States where these projects are located?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) None of the Projects awaiting clearance, since all the projects have the clearance of the Competent authorities.
- (c) The Ministry of Finance have issued Guidelines for expediting the clearance of the Plan projects. Appraisal and Recommending Authority
 - # Schemes upto Rs.5.00 crore at the level of Department
 - # Standing Finance Committees are having jurisdiction above Rs.5 crore and less than Rs.25 crore
 - # Expenditure Finance Committees are having jurisdiction for Rs.25 crore and above for Scientific Department Approving Authority
 - # Less than Rs. 50 crore – Agriculture Minister
 - # Rs. 50 crore and above but less than Rs.100 crore – Agriculture Minister and Finance Minister
 - # Rs. 100 crore and above - Cabinet / CCEA
- (d) The Planning Commission has approved Rs.5368 crore for all the Plan Schemes of the Department and these are functioning in different States of the country.